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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

U.S. application of: Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO,
and Yasushi WATANABE

For: HOLLOW RACK SHAFT AND
MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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Dear Sir:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED
DRAWING CHANGE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.121**

Submitted herewith is one drawing sheet containing
Figures 3a, 3b, and 3c, showing the proposed drawing change
in red. The proposed change is as follows:

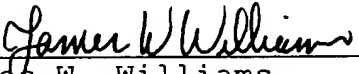
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"3" contained within the bracket.

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The above proposed change is requested in order to remove an inadvertent misprint on the drawing sheet. No new matter would be added.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner approve the proposed drawing change.

Respectfully submitted,



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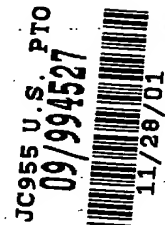
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FIG. 3a

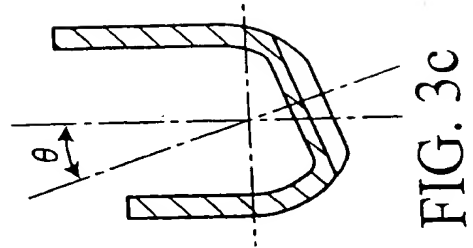
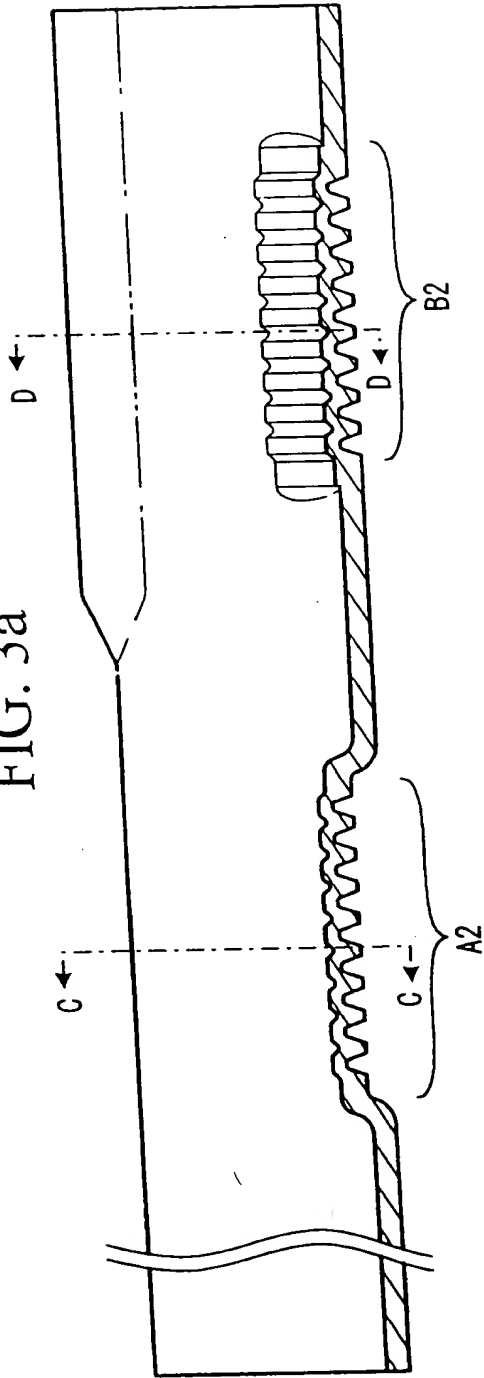


FIG. 3c

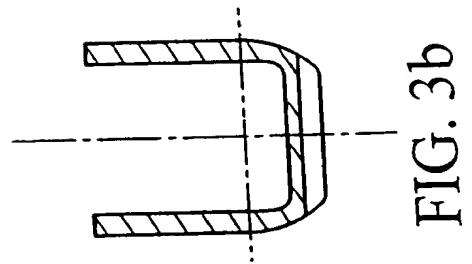


FIG. 3b